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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the information provided by the representative of the Host Government of the secretariat that the City of Bonn has incorporated the latest United Nations requirements into the final plans for the new conference centre facilities and expects to complete construction by early 2015, in time for the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies. The SBI noted that the existing conference centre facilities are already being used to the satisfaction of participants and the secretariat; for example, sessions of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) were held there in 2013 and 2014.

2. The SBI also noted the information in the reports of the representative of the Host Government and the Executive Secretary that over half of the secretariat staff moved into new office premises on the United Nations Campus in September 2013, and that the design of an extension building on the United Nations Campus to accommodate the remaining staff is making good progress, with completion scheduled for 2018.

3. The SBI thanked the Host Government for the progress reports and acknowledged the special efforts and investments made by both the Host Government and the host city of Bonn, including, for example, the special contribution by the Host Government of EUR 1 million to the ADP process. It encouraged the Host Government to continue to provide support for the establishment and operation of the conference centre as a permanent forum for the intergovernmental process at the seat of the secretariat.

4. The SBI welcomed the encouraging developments regarding the conference centre. In accordance with decisions 27/CP.19 and 25/CP.18, it requested the secretariat to maximize the combined use of the new office and conference facilities for UNFCCC sessions and meetings in order to reduce costs and further enhance the services available at the seat of the secretariat.

5. The SBI welcomed the establishment of systematic collaboration between the Host Government, the secretariat and other relevant stakeholders on issues such as office and meeting facilities and information and services for meeting participants, and encouraged the

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Host Government and the secretariat to maintain this process of close and regular consultations.

6. The SBI requested the secretariat to continue to update Parties on the UNFCCC website about these and other aspects of the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement, and invited the Host Government and the Executive Secretary to report to SBI 42 on further progress made.